

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PENDING POWER PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some power projects are pending for completion for more than 20 years and have caused an additional burden of huge amount on the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of all such projects and the factors responsible for causing delay in their completion;
- (c) the time and funds required to complete these projects;
- (d) whether some power projects are pending for want of funds;
- (e) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to simplify the procedure of clearance of the power projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : The details of power projects which are pending for more than 20 years indicating the factors responsible for causing delay and likely completion date & cost for their completion are at Annex-I.

(d) & (e) : As per the information available with Central Electricity Authority, Dimapur DGPP (4x5.73MW) of Nagaland is pending for want of funds. Ministry of Development of North East Region has provided Rs. 32 crores from Non Lapseable Central Pool of Resources.

(f) : The steps taken to simplify the procedure of clearance of the projects include:

(A) Planning Commission has delegated full powers to State Governments for approval of power projects without any ceiling. Clearance from Planning Commission is to be restricted only to those hydro electric projects where inter State issues are involved.

(B) The requirement of according techno economic clearance by Central Electricity Authority has been dispensed with for thermal generation.

(C) A generating company intending to set up a hydro generating stations has to prepare and submit the scheme to the Authority for concurrence involving a capital expenditure Rs. 2500 crores, provided that –

(i) the scheme is included in National Electricity Plan (NEP) as notified by CEA and conforms to the capacity and type.

(ii) the site for setting up the hydro generating station has been allocated through the transparent process of bidding in accordance with the guidelines issued by Central Government.

(iii) Rs. 500 crores for any other scheme.